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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, XF, ET
SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT

1. DURING LENGTHY DISCOURSE JULY 3 DEVOTED TO AFRICAN
ISSUES AT JUST-COMPLETED 14TH ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
UNITY (OAU) SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE, GABON, ETHIOPIAN HEAD
OF STATE LTCOL MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM CLEARLY ENUNCIATED
ETHIOPIA'S POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. MENGISTU
STATED ISRAEL MUST RECOGNIZE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR SPEEDY
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WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED SINCE 1967.
HE ADDED, IT ETHIOPIAN BELIEF RIGHT OF PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE TO HOMELAND, HAVING BEEN RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY, MUST BE CORNERSTONE OF ANY PLAN FOR PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT.

2. COMMENT: MENGISTU REMARKS MADE IN CONTEXT OF

SOUTHERN AFRICAN DENIAL OF RIGHTS TO BLACK CITIZENS
AND ACCUSATIONS OF INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIA'S INTERNAL
AFFAIRS BY "REACTIONARY ARABS". INCLUSION OF ETHIOPIAN
POSITION ON MIDEAST MAY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPT TO BALANCE
CRITICISM OF ARAB SUPPORT TO SUDAN AND SOMALIA
ELSEWHERE IN SPEECH AND TO DEMONSTRATE ETHIOPIA NOT
REALLY HOSTILE TO ARAB INTERESTS, SO LONG AS LATTER
DO NOT THREATEN ETHIOPIA.
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